



U-Research

Purpose

The Undergraduate Research Laboratory (U-Research) in Behavioral Ecology aims to provide research opportunities for aspiring young scientists, future doctors and teachers who would like to take their academic studies beyond the classroom. The program consists of formal course offerings, independent research, and outreach engagement. Students in the program have diverse backgrounds. The majors range from Evolution and Ecology, Zoology, Entomology, Biology, Molecular Genetics, Neuroscience, Psychology, and Sociology to Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering.

Impact

Outreach events in U-Research are part of the formal coursework. Since 2012, U-Research members have served more than 1,200 children and families exploring basic science and animal diversity.

U-Research students visit local schools and engage grade students in hands-on activities, and conduct experiments with live animals.

U-Research also has a partnership with Columbus Metroparks. U-Research students help the Metroparks naturalists run community programs, including summer camps for grades 3 through 6. Highbanks, Blendon Woods, Batelle Darby Creek, and Blacklick Woods are among the selected sites.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

Community Partners Involved

Berwick Alternative Elementary
Columbus Metroparks
Cranbrook Elementary
Liberty Middle School
The Metro School
Thomas Elementary
Yorktown Middle School
The Wellington School

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